Police Organisations during the last three years; and

(e) if so, what are the figures of inflow of officers and vacancies in different Central Police Organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (e) The guidelines prescribing the minimum years of service for promotion of IPS Officers to the rank of DIG and IG are under active consideration of the Government.

Expansion of Berthing/Storage facilities at Ports

321. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is losing substantial amount of foreign exchange every month, paid out in compensation for loading and discharge delays to foreign shipping companies, berthing at Indian ports;

(b) what are the estimated monthly demurrage claims paid out every month in foreign exchange at ports receiving foreign crude at Kandla, Haldia, Bombay and Madras;

(c) whether it is a fact that tankers are forced to wait at Bombay for more than 25 days to discharge Kerosene; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to expand berthing/storage facilities at ports handling imported crude commensurate with the increase in the quantum of imported crude and petroleum products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The ports do not pay any demurrage charges to foreign shipping companies on account of delays in loading and discharge. Such charges, if any, are paid by the importers/exporters directly to the shipping companies. Especially, after liberalisation and de-control of many commodities, thousands of importers/exporters are dealing with various products/commodities, through shipping-lines world-over at various minor and major ports and it is not practicable to maintain the details of each such transaction.

(c) No Sir. The average waiting time at Bombay for vessels carrying POL products is about 5 days.

(d) During the VIIIth Five Year Plan, the POL handling facility at major ports are proposed to be increased from 78 million tonnes to 95.7 million tonnes by creating facilities at Haldia, Paradip Visakhapatnam, New Mangalore, Bombay, Kandla and Jawaharlal Nehru Ports at an outlay of Rs. 141.32 crores. As far as the storage facilities are concerned, these are provided by the users like oil companies.

Crimes in Delhi

322. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of crimes are taking place in Delhi in recent past;

(b) if so, whether the culprits were apprehended; and

(c) steps taken by Government to improve the law and order situation in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The number of cases reported and the persons arrested under various heads of crime during the period from 1.7.94 to 31.12.94 and 1.1.95 to 30.6.95 in Delhi is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) The Government has taken several steps to check crime in Delhi. These include increased patrolling, posting of pickets at strategic points, strengthening the intelligence machinery, frequent raids at the hideouts of criminals, increased surveillance, coordination meetings with